

a metal hydroxide,

a metal oxide,

a composite material thereof, and

composite material of one or more of these inorganic powders with an organic powder.

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8. (Twice amended) The powder as defined in claim 2, wherein said substance is in the shape of a scale, a plate or a bar.

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*C<sup>3</sup>*  
9. (Amended) The powder as defined in claim 2, wherein the mean particle size of said substance is 0.1 to 600  $\mu\text{m}$  and the mean particle size of said zinc oxide is 0.01 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10. (Twice amended) The powder as defined in claim 2, wherein said powder comprises 2 to 50 wt% of hydroxyapatite and 2 to 8 wt% of zinc oxide based on the total weight of the powder.

11. (Twice amended) A cosmetic composition comprising the powder as defined in any one of claims 3 to 4.

13. (Twice amended) A sebum-adsorbent composition comprising the powder as defined in claim

4.

*C<sup>4</sup>*  
14. (Twice amended) A body deodorant composition comprising the powder as defined in any one of claims 2 to 4.